

**OPINION 2139 (Case 3264)****STAPHYLINIDAE Latreille, 1804 (Insecta, Coleoptera): ten specific names conserved**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled that ten specific names threatened by six senior primary homonyms, three senior secondary homonyms, and one senior synonym are conserved for rove beetles (family STAPHYLINIDAE).

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Coleoptera; STAPHYLINIDAE; rove beetles.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that:
  - (a) the following names are not invalid by reason of being junior homonyms:
    - (i) *badium* Cameron, 1924, as published in the binomen *Lathrobium badium*;
    - (ii) *bicolor* Erichson, 1840, as published in the binomen *Lathrobium bicolor*;
    - (iii) *dimidiatus* Wollaston, 1864, as published in the binomen *Sunius dimidiatus*;
    - (iv) *filum* Aubé, 1850, as published in the binomen *Sunius filum*;
    - (v) *fulvipes* Adachi, 1955, as published in the binomen *Lathrobium fulvipes*;
    - (vi) *pallipes* Sharp, 1889, as published in the binomen *Lathrobium pallipes*;
    - (vii) *rutilipennis* Reitter, 1909, as published in the binomen *Astenus rutilipennis*;
    - (viii) *tenuis* Fagel, 1963, as published in the binomen *Pinophilus tenuis*;
    - (ix) *unicolor* Mulsant & Rey, 1878, as published in the binomen *Sunius unicolor*;
  - (b) the name *limnophilus* Erichson, 1840, as published in the binomen *Paederus limnophilus*, is given precedence over the specific name of *Paederus linophilus* Heer, 1839, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
  - (a) *badium* Cameron, 1924, as published in the binomen *Lobrathium badium*;
  - (b) *badium* Gravenhorst, 1802, as published in the binomen *Lathrobium badium*;
  - (c) *bicolor* Erichson, 1840, as published in the binomen *Lathrobium bicolor*;
  - (d) *bicolor* Gravenhorst, 1802, as published in the binomen *Lathrobium bicolor*;
  - (e) *dimidiatus* Stephens, 1833, as published in the binomen *Sunius dimidiatus*;
  - (f) *dimidiatus* Wollaston, 1864, as published in the binomen *Sunius dimidiatus*;

- (g) *filum* Aubé, 1850, as published in the binomen *Sunius filum*;
- (h) *filum* Walth, 1838, as published in the binomen *Paederus filum*;
- (i) *fulvipes* Adachi, 1955, as published in the binomen *Lathrobium fulvipes*;
- (j) *fulvipes* Blanchard, 1842, as published in the binomen *Lathrobium fulvipes*;
- (k) *limophilus* Erichson, 1840 as published in the binomen *Paederus limophilus*, with the endorsement that it is to be given precedence over *limophilus* Heer, 1839, as published in the binomen *Paederus limophilus*, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms, as ruled in (1)(b) above;
- (l) *limophilus* Heer, 1839, as published in the binomen *Paederus limophilus* with the endorsement that it is not to be given priority over *limophilus* Erichson, 1840 as published in the binomen *Paederus limophilus*, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms, as ruled in (1)(b) above;
- (m) *pallipes* Gravenhorst, 1802, as published in the binomen *Lathrobium pallipes*;
- (n) *pallipes* Sharp, 1889, as published in the binomen *Lathrobium pallipes*;
- (o) *rutilipennis* Chevrolat, 1860, as published in the binomen *Astenus rutilipennis*;
- (p) *rutilipennis* Reitter, 1909, as published in the binomen *Astenus rutilipennis*;
- (q) *tenuis* Fagel, 1963, as published in the binomen *Pinophilus tenuis*;
- (r) *tenuis* Sharp, 1876, as published in the binomen *Pinophilus tenuis*;
- (s) *unicolor* Mulsant & Rey, 1878, as published in the binomen *Sunius unicolor* (nomen protectum under Article 23.9.2).

### History of Case 3264

An application to conserve ten specific names of rove beetles in the family STAPHYLINIDAE Latreille, 1804 (Insecta, Coleoptera) was received from Lee H. Herman (*American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, U.S.A.*) on 14 January 2003.

After correspondence the case was published in BZN 61: 83–89 (June 2004). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

### Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 2005 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 61: 84. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 2005 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 17: Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Calder, Fortey, Halliday, Lamas, Macpherson, Mahnert, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Papp, Rosenberg, Song, Štys and van Tol.

Kerzhner voted for (2)(a), Table 1 names 4–9.

Negative vote – 1: Alonso-Zarazaga.

Kerzhner voted against (1)(a) Table 1 names 1–3 and (1)(b), (2)(b)–(d).

Patterson abstained.

No vote was received from Ng.

Voting against, Alonso-Zarazaga commented that each problem should be considered separately. In voting against some of the proposals, Kerzhner commented

that for the name *Paederus limnophilus* Erichson he was voting against conservation not of the name, but of the authorship and date. He further suggested that a balance should be found between use of the Code provisions and of the plenary power; the latter should be used only in the most important cases.

### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

- (a) *badium*, *Lathrobium*, Cameron, 1924, *Transactions of the Entomological Society of London*, **1924**: 193.
- (b) *badium*, *Lathrobium*, Gravenhorst, 1802, *Coleoptera Microptera Brunsvicensia*, p. 53.
- (c) *bicolor*, *Lathrobium*, Erichson, 1840, *Genera et species Staphylinorum insectorum coleopterorum familiae*, pt. 2, p. 593.
- (d) *bicolor*, *Lathrobium*, Gravenhorst, 1802, *Coleoptera Microptera Brunsvicensia*, p. 179.
- (e) *dimidiatus*, *Sunius*, Stephens, 1833, *Illustrations of British entomology . . . Mandibulata*, vol. 5, p. 277.
- (f) *dimidiatus*, *Sunius*, Wollaston, 1864, *Catalogue of the coleopterous insects of the Canaries in the collection of the British Museum*, p. 591.
- (g) *filum*, *Sunius*, Aubé, 1850, *Annales de la Société Entomologique de France*, (2)**8**: 317.
- (h) *filum*, *Paederus*, Waltl, 1838, *Isis, encyclopädische Zeitschrift, vorzüglich für Naturgeschichte, vergleichende Anatomie und Physiologie*, column 267.
- (i) *fulvipes*, *Lathrobium*, Adachi, 1955, *Journal of the Tokyo University*, **7**: 30.
- (j) *fulvipes*, *Lathrobium*, Blanchard, 1842, *Voyage dans l'Amérique méridionale . . . par Alcide d'Orbigny . . . Insectes Coléoptères*, vol. 6, pt. 2, p. 85.
- (k) *limnophilus*, *Paederus*, Erichson, 1840, *Genera et species Staphylinorum insectorum coleopterorum familiae*, pt. 2, p. 653.
- (l) *limophilus*, *Paederus*, Heer, 1839, *Fauna Coleopterorum Helvetica*, vol. 1, pt. 2, p. 235.
- (m) *pallipes*, *Lathrobium*, Gravenhorst, 1802, *Coleoptera Microptera Brunsvicensia*, p. 179.
- (n) *pallipes*, *Lathrobium*, Sharp, 1889, *Annals and Magazine of Natural History*, (6)**3**: 257.
- (o) *rutilipennis*, *Astenus*, Chevrolat, 1860, *Revue et Magazin de Zoologie*, (2)**12**: 410.
- (p) *rutilipennis*, *Astenus*, Reitter, 1909, *Fauna Germanica. Die Käfer des Deutschen Reiches. Nach der analytischen Methode bearbeitet*, vol. 2, p.151.
- (q) *tenuis*, *Pinophilus*, Fagel, 1963, *Exploration du Parc National de la Garamba. Mission H. de Saeger*, **37**: 216.
- (r) *tenuis*, *Pinophilus*, Sharp, 1876, *Transactions of the Entomological Society of London*, **1876**: 323.
- (s) *unicolor*, *Sunius*, Mulsant & Rey, 1878, *Annales de la Société Linnéenne de Lyon*, (n. ser.)**24**(1877): 276.

The following names are listed with reference to their status:

- unicolor* Curtis, 1840, *Annals of Natural History*, **5**: 277, as published in the binomen *Sunius unicolor* (nomen oblitum under Article 23.9.2).
- unicolor* Stephens, 1839, *A manual of British Coleoptera, or beetles*, p. 407, as published in the binomen *Sunius unicolor* (nomen oblitum under Article 23.9.2).